

Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 2/3 – Kindergarten Report Cards go home
- ◆ 2/9 – Harriet Tubman enrichment program
- ◆ 2/10 – Family Movie Night – 6:30 PM
- ◆ 2/11 – Science mentor Session 10-12
- ◆ 2/12 – A. Lincoln's Birthday
- ◆ 2/13 – Science mentor Session 2:30-4:30
- ◆ 2/14 – Valentine's day
- ◆ 2/16 – Melrose P.S. Parent Technology Info. Night – 7pm @Lincoln School
- ◆ 2/18-2/26 – Feb. Vacation
- ◆ 2/28 – PTO Meeting 7PM
- ◆ 2/29 – Science Fair
- ◆ 3/1 – Com. Reading Day
- ◆ 3/2 – Lincoln PTO Social Event – 7PM at K of C
- ◆ 3/6 – Election Day
- ◆ 3/6 – Site Council Mtg. 6:30PM in Lincoln Library
- ◆ 3/7 – Early Release Day 12:30 Dis. – Parent Conf.
- ◆ 3/8 – Early Release Day 12:30 Dis. – Parent Conf.
- ◆ 3/9 – 2nd Term ends (Gr. 1-5)

Principal's News

Brent Conway, Principal

It's official, 6 more weeks of winter, thanks to the Groundhog. But I'll take 6 more weeks of this weather. February has just started and it will be over before we know it.

When your children come home over February Vacation, our students in grades 1-5 will come home with a Math-athon packet and pledge sheet. Each packet has about 100 math problems and students are asked to get flat pledges for participating and completing the packet. The packets will be corrected and sent back, but all collections should be handed in with the packets following February vacation. The money raised will go to our PTO. As an incentive for participation, the class that has the highest participation percentage will win a Super Gym Class. This was a wildly successful event last year.

Also, just before February Vacation, our PTO will host our family movie Night on Friday, February 10th. Also, on February 16th, 3rd grader Eli Champoux will be Principal for the Day, a prize he won in a raffle at Pizza Bingo. Eli will shadow me for the day and he will also make a guest blog post on the principal's blog about what it's like to be principal at Lincoln School.

Melrose has made significant investments in technology for our students and teachers. While you hear much about the Smart boards, there are many things that you have access to at home, because your child is a student in Melrose. I hope you can join me and some other administrators from Melrose on Thursday, February 16th for a Parent Technology Night which will be held here at Lincoln.

At the end of February, we will have our Science Fair on February 29th. The public is welcome to attend and if your child is not participating, I would encourage you to join us that evening so they can see the gear work their classmates have done, which may inspire them to get involved in the future.

On the 28th of February, I will be with the other Elementary principals at the School Committee meeting presenting our budgets. It is televised live on MMTV, if you are interested.

In March, Lincoln will again play host to the Guiding Good Choices parenting support program. You can see this information on our website and register for the class.

At the end of March, we actually begin our first round of MCAS tests with students in grades 3, 4 and 5, taking the reading and ELA portions. A schedule of testing days is on page three of this email. It is extremely important for your child to be on time on these days as they are not allowed to enter test sessions late.

Our School Site Council will also meet twice in March to develop our School Improvement Plan for the 2012-2013 school year. Much of what will be discussed at the School Committee meeting in late February will be reflected in the School Improvement Plan, as we have worked hard as a district to have common goals across the district and work together for the betterment of all children in Melrose.

I look forward to seeing many of you at various events we have coming up, including our PTO Social Event on Friday March 2nd at the Knights of Columbus.

PE & Wellness Students of the Month

January

These students have shown exemplary sportsmanship and cooperation and have received a Lincoln Pride T-Shirt.

K – Sasha Sevastyanov
1 – Skylar Szeto
2 – Matthew Jedrey
3 – Julia Foley
4 – Colby Moss
5 – Alex Grigoryev

K – Grace Villa
1 – Landon Colangelo
2 – Megan Strasnick
3 – Owen Hurlbut-Lesk
4 – Clara Martin
5 – Trinity White

1st Grade Reads to Feed with Great Success

All three of our First Grade Classrooms participated in the Read to Feed Program by Heifer International. The students read books and received pledges from family and friends. The results were outstanding with the 1st grade raising over \$2000 towards the program. The children then get to choose how they would like to spend the money to support families around the world by purchasing livestock. According to Heifer, the program helped over 280,000 families last year. Our

students made choices about how many goats, pigs, chickens, honeybees and sheep to purchase. These were just a few of the livestock they choose from. They also then learn about different cultures from around the world while making it into a math lesson on money.

If you'd like more information on the program you can log onto the Heifer International website at www.heifer.org



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Respect * Effort * Safety*

Continental Math League

Our 4th and 5th Graders participated in the 3rd of 5 Continental Math League challenges and our 2nd and 3rd graders completed their 1st of 3 CML Challenges. Each challenge includes 6 complicated math problems to be solved. The following students achieved the highest cumulative scores on the CML.

5th Graders: out of 18

M. Catalini	11/18
C. Bright	9/18
J. Tucci	8/18
T. Morris	8/18

4th Graders: out of 18

L. Steger Wilson	9/18
G. Solomon	7/18
E. Schwarze	7/18

3rd Graders out of 6

A. Lock	4/6
D. Oteri	4/6
J. Foley	4/6

2nd Graders out of 6

A. Sullivan	6/6
S. Brodeur	5/6
M. Villiott	4/6
S. Kawakami	4/6

CARES Awards for 4th and 5th Grade

At recent grade level assemblies, students who were nominated for a Lincoln CARES Principal's Award received their certificates. These students were acknowledged by Lincoln staff members for displaying the characteristics of the Lincoln CARES motto. Our K-3 students are also recognized for receiving paw stickers throughout the month.

The following are the nominated 4th Grade students from January and 5th Grade students from the month of December.

5th Grade – December

Nour Troumi	Jack Haggerty
Paige Hill	Max Mullaney
Fia Nilsson	Dan Kelly-Thing
Aidan Kenawell	

4th Grade – January

Tamsyn Cunniff	Cole Lepler
Youness Houmani	Heather Hansen
Lydia Steger-Wilson	Joey Shields
Catherine Thimble	Erin Torpey

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2012 March/April MCAS window

Day	Date	Grade	Test
Tuesday	3/20	4	Long Composition Test
Thursday	3/22	5	Reading/ELA Session 1
Monday	3/26	5	Reading/ELA Session 2
Tuesday	3/27	3 & 4	Reading/ELA Session 1
Wednesday	3/28	3 & 4	Reading/ELA Session 2
Thursday	3/29	4	Long Comp. Makeup
Friday	3/30	All	Make-ups
Monday	4/2	All	Make-ups